

the 4th Council of Constantinople
condemned PLOTIUS and his
followers and ICONOCLASM and
affirmed the unity of the human
soul.

869 & 870

FOURTH COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Regarded as the 8th ecumenical Council
by the modern Roman Catholic Church
It has NEVER been accepted by the
ORTHODOX Church, which recognizes
instead the Council of 880 that
supported PHOTIUS.

The Council of 869 was convoked
at the suggestion of Emperor BASIL I, the
new emperor to confirm the restoration

of ST. IGNATIUS OF CONSTANTINOPLE to the
see which PITOTIUS had resigned. Only
12 bishops attended at first & never
more than 103. The legate of Pope
ADRIAN II presided. PITOTIUS had already
been condemned, without a hearing, at a
Roman Synod. At Constantinople, his
defense was cut short, and when he refused
to sign his own condemnation, he was
excommunicated. The result of these
councils was to intensify the bitterness
between East & West.

Eighth Council is held
at Constantinople.